



ASN Safety Bulletin #56

2026 Regulatory Changes



As part of the FIA's ongoing mission to improve safety in our sport, we regularly update Safety and Medical Regulations in line with the latest research, advice and best practice. This safety bulletin will overview some of the key changes and updates to the 2026 regulations such as international driver's licence requirements and competitor and vehicle safety equipment.

However, this is not an exhaustive list and further updates may be published before December 2025, if approved by the WMSC. Therefore, we recommend regularly checking for updates, which can be published following the World Motor Sport Council meetings in October and December. Any updates will be published at the earliest opportunity on [fia.com](https://www.fia.com).

All amendments are publicised well in advance, with changes either published at the end of the Appendices to the International Sporting Code (ISC), or included in the relevant technical regulations. All changes are published immediately following their approval by the World Motor Sport Council (WMSC), on the FIA website.

Chapter III “Drivers’ Equipment” of Appendix L to the International Sporting Code

- *Article 1 “Helmets”*

Drivers of open cockpit cars, **closed cockpit cars designed without a windscreen** and drivers participating in any competition of the WEC Championship must wear full-face helmets, of which the chin bar is an integral part of the helmet structure and is tested to an FIA-approved standard. This measure is recommended for historic open cockpit cars and Autocross SuperBuggy, Buggy1600, Junior Buggy and cross-cars.

- *Article 2 “Flame-resistant clothing”*

Mandatory implementation of FIA Standard 8856-2018 for the following championships:

- FIA Regional Rally Championship
- FIA European Baja Cup
- FIA Middle East Baja Cup



Vehicle Safety Equipment

FIA Standard 8876-2022 for Open Cockpit Fire Suppression Systems:

- Mandatory in Formula 1*
- Mandatory in Formula Regional (new generation).

**Cockpit-only system*

FIA Standard 8864-2022 for Restraint Cables:

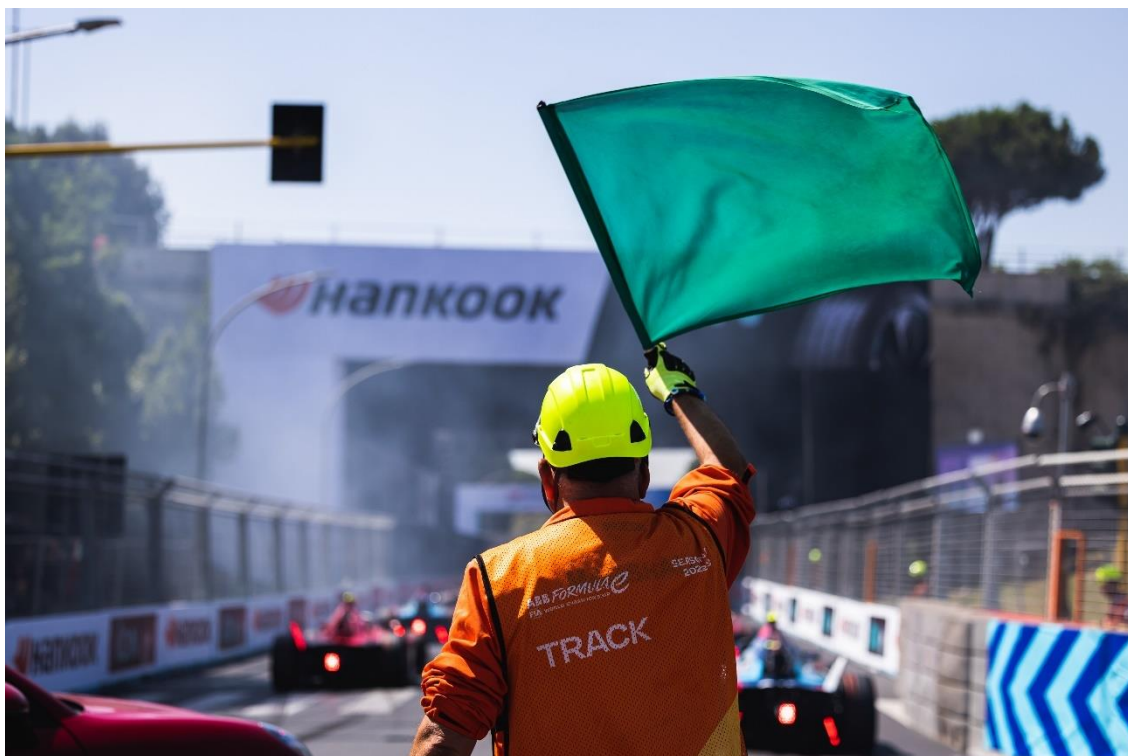
- Mandatory in Formula Regional (new generation).

FIA Standard 8855-2021 for Competition Seats or FIA Standard 8862-2009 for Advanced Seats:

- Mandatory in ERX1
- Recommended in RX3

FIA Standard 8874-2019 for Rain Light:

- Mandatory in WRX1 and RX1e



Appendix H – Recommendations for the Supervision of the Road and Emergency Services:

Article 2.5.5 g) Green Flag (Stationary cars at the end of the formation lap).

- The green flag procedure has been revised to improve marshal safety at the end of the formation lap.
 - The **green flag marshal must now stand behind a barrier opening at the back of the grid**, if available.
 - If no barrier is present, the marshal must stand **as far from the track edge as possible** and remain alert to oncoming cars.

To reflect best practices and enhance the safety and effectiveness of medical and rescue services at FIA-sanctioned events. Below is a brief outline of the approved proposals:

- Article 2.8.2.1 Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Chief Medical Officer (Doctor qualifications).
- Article 2.8.3.2 Medical intervention cars (equipment, see Supplement 3) (Doctor qualifications).
- Supplement 2, Article 7. Procedure for the Accreditation of F1/FE Medical Car Doctor.
- Technical Extrication (Disencarceration) (General, Composition, Equipment and Training)

Appendix O – Procedures for the Recognition of Motor Racing Circuits:

FIA Standard 3501-2017 for Safety Barriers:

- Mandatory for new GFE circuits

FIA Standard 3502-2018 for Debris Fences:

- Mandatory for existing G2 circuits (New debris fence installations on existing circuits must be in compliance with FIA Standard 3502-2018, and it is recommended to use approved suppliers and materials when conducting significant repairs or modifying existing debris fences.)
- Mandatory for new GFE circuits

FIA Standard 3504-2019 for Light Panels:

- LP-G2 mandatory for newly built GFE circuits.
- LP-G3 mandatory for existing GFE circuits.

GFE = Grade FE circuit - Electrically powered automobiles as defined in the current FIA Formula E World Championship Sporting Regulations.

You can download the latest version of the appendices to the International Sporting Code [HERE](#).

We encourage you to share this information with your technical delegates, scrutineers

and competitors.

To explore more on this topic and to stay updated with the latest advances, visit the [Safety News](#) section on the FIA website where you can access all the previous ASN Safety Bulletins.

We kindly request your support to promote these updated regulations among your event organisers, officials, and volunteers.

Thank you for your continued commitment to improving safety across the sport.

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